

U. S. NAVAL PLAN CAUSES ALARM

Great Britain Fears She May Be Compelled to Build Ships

MUTUAL AGREEMENT IS FAVORED

London Newspapers Call for Joint Action Together With Japan

London, Dec. 28.—Calls for the United States, Great Britain and Japan to curtail naval expenditures by mutual agreement were featured by a number of London newspapers to-day. In following this course the papers give expression to the anxiety which has prevailed here since the receipt of reports of the new American naval program—an anxiety which may be traced to the assumption that if the United States builds a big navy, Great Britain must do likewise.

The morning Post laments that American politicians have chosen a moment when the war-time fellowship of the American and British navies and the "chivalrous courtesy of American seamen" have united the naval services of the two nations "to declare, in effect, that the British navy is a potential menace to America."

Another plea for an agreement between the United States, Japan and Great Britain is voiced by the Daily News which urges that the interval between the present moment and the inauguration of President-elect Harding should be utilized by the statesmen of the three countries to educate the public.

OKLAHOMA LEADS IN WOMEN OFFICIALS

Women Have Entered Nearly Every Field of Official Activity As Result of Recent Election.

Chattanooga, Dec. 28.—Oklahoma with a congresswoman in the 67th Congress, Kansas and Texas with women as state superintendents of public instruction, Missouri with nine county treasurers out of 13 women elected to county offices and Michigan possessing two women sheriffs, take the leading places of distinction on the suffrage question in the recent nation-wide election.

Women have entered nearly every field of public service, from juror and school trustee to member of the national House of Representatives and following last month's election, Miss Alice Robertson of Muskogee, Okla., "past 60," a successful restaurant proprietor, and, incidentally, an opponent of woman suffrage, will take her seat as the second woman ever sent to the national Congress.

Missouri showed the greatest liking for women officeholders although they are not eligible for state offices. Nine counties elected women treasurers, three selected women as public administrators and one a recorder of deeds.

Ten women were elected to office in Michigan, including one state senator, but perhaps the most unique selection was those of Mrs. Estella K. Gates and Mrs. Jane Johnson, both of whom succeeded their husbands as sheriff. Mrs. Gates takes an active part in church and club work of Honor county seat of Benzie county, and has three children and six grandchildren. Mrs. Johnson, who is 65 years old, says she is confident she can arrest any "bad man" who violates the law in Roscommon county. She will appoint her husband a deputy and aside from caring for the prisoners of the county jail, will also look after the three children.

Miss Alice Sampson, for ten years clerk in the Michigan state commission, is confident she can arrest any "bad man" who violates the law in Roscommon county. She will appoint her husband a deputy and aside from caring for the prisoners of the county jail, will also look after the three children.

Mrs. Eva M. Hamilton, the first woman to sit in the Michigan state Senate, is 40 years old and a former school teacher. She is from Grand Rapids, where she is known as "The Mother of City Markets," having conceived, and persuaded the city council to adopt a plan by which farmers sell their produce direct to consumers.

Three county treasurers, two registers of deeds and one county clerk elected in Michigan in November are also women.

Oklahoma gave three women distinctly prominent positions while Kansas was about it. Aside from sending Miss Robertson to Congress, a state senator, Mrs. Lamar Looney, and a state representative, Mrs. Bessie S. McColgin, were selected by the Oklahoma voters.

Mrs. Looney, a widow, a mother of five children, held the county clerkship of Greer county for four years and in addition managed a 160-acre farm, educated her children and succeeded in defeating her male opponent in the senatorial race by more than a two to one majority. Greer county also decided to have women as county clerk, deputy assessor, court clerk and county treasurer.

Mrs. McColgin, who comes from Rogers Mills county, has gained a reputation as a capable business woman as a result of association with her husband in telephone line operation.

Miss Annie Webb Blanton, was re-elected state superintendent of public instruction in Texas.

Kansas also re-elected a woman as state superintendent of public instruction, Miss Lorraine Elizabeth Wooster of Salina. She has several degrees and was admitted to the Kansas bar. Wooster is the author of a number of text books, and attracted considerable attention by her anti-toleration campaign, in which she advocated dismissal of any men instructors who used profanity in any form.

Four women legislators, all elected to the lower House, will sit in the Kansas legislature. Mrs. Minnie Grinstead of Seward county was re-elected; the others are serving their first terms. They are:

Miss Nellie Cline of Larned, elected from Pawnee county on the Democratic ticket although the county went Re-

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publican by over 1,000 plurality. She is a law partner of her father, having been admitted to the bar in 1912.

Mrs. Minnie Minnie of Wellington, wife of a locomotive engineer, says she "got into politics to help defeat proposed compulsory military training."

She lost a brother in the World war. Mrs. Ida Walker of Norton, was formerly president of the Kansas Federation of Women's clubs and has been a leader in state and local civic movements.

Miss Florence E. Allen, with nine men candidates opposing her, was elected common judge of Cuyahoga county, Ohio. She is 36 years old and has been a newspaper woman, law student and assistant county prosecutor since 1906.

Miss Allen was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1914 and has practised in Cleveland since then. Mrs. A. N. Norton, 35 years of age, was elected probate judge of Lake County, Ohio, after serving as deputy clerk for 17 years. Mrs. Norton defeated Homer Harper, prosecuting attorney for Lake county, by 2,500 plurality for the office. Mrs. Mary K. Davey was elected prosecuting attorney of Hocking county, Ohio.

The first woman to sit in the Indiana House of Representatives will be Mrs. Julia D. Nelson of Muncie. She was the only woman elected to a state office last November. Mrs. Nelson is the wife of a Muncie newspaper man.

Breeding Wild Ducks.

The Audubon societies are anxious to encourage the breeding of wild ducks under conditions of domestication, and this useful work is now being carried on much more widely than most people imagine.

They are being bred on a considerable scale for hunting preserves, and also for "millionaires' private estates, where the birds do much to adorn the outdoor scene, when small lakes are available.

Recently, H. K. Job, a citizen of West Haven, Conn., who has made this a sort of pleasurable enterprise combined with business, went to Manitoba and collected there, from marshes, which are the breeding grounds of wild ducks, the eggs of about a dozen species. He hatched them on the spot and brought the young birds back to West Haven.

None of the wild species this collector could possibly be induced to buy within his latitude, but it is believed that the young ones, reared under conditions of domestication, will breed.

It goes without saying that our domesticated ducks are derived from species originally wild. They are mostly mallards of European and American varieties. The long-legged so-called "Indian runner ducks" is descended from a stock not satisfactorily identified.

Four species of existing wild ducks are easily domesticated. These are the mallards, the black mallard (a distinct species), the wood duck and the blue-winged teal. The green-winged teal and the canvasback (beloved of the epicure) have been bred successfully in captivity.

If it be desired to domesticate the blue-winged teal, one should get the eggs from marshes where the bird breeds, and set them under a hen.

Mallards may be bought from a dealer in such feathered merchandise. But a guarantee should be obtained that the birds have been mated. Otherwise, one might get no hatchable eggs. The mallard, unlike a chicken, does not accept any mate offered.

The wood duck is a remarkably ornamental bird. It does not breed in its first year. This is a fact worth knowing, because many people who have tried to breed wood ducks have given up the experiment in haste because they did not get immediate results in the shape of ducklings.

Wild ducks may be fed on the same sort of provender that suits ordinary domesticated ducks. Widgeons, however, require some grass.

As the law stands, nobody is allowed to get immediate results in the shape of to keep wild ducks, or to breed them, without a permit. This is easily obtained by sending a request to the United States biological survey, department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.—Washington Post.

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WOMAN SENT TO PRISON TERM

Countess Georgia Markievicz Found Guilty Before Court Martial

OF CONSPIRACY AGAINST ENGLISH

She Was Sentenced to Two Years at Hard Labor

Dublin, Dec. 28.—Countess Georgia Markievicz, who was tried by a court martial on a charge of conspiring to organize a seditious society, was sentenced to-day to two years at hard labor in prison. The specific allegation was that she between January, 1918, and September, 1920, plotted to organize a "finna eireann" or Sinn Fein boys scouts society. This organization has been charged with the conspiracy to murder military police and with unlawful drilling.

OPPOSE ITALIAN LANGUAGE As Part of Instruction in Brazilian Public Schools.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 28.—Some Brazilian government officials oppose the Italian language being taught in Brazilian schools in districts largely occupied by immigrants from Italy. This plan was contained in the labor and emigration agreement which the Italian government recently offered to Brazil.

The agreement planned to regulate the future settlement of Italians in Brazil, where they already form an important part of the population. Particularly in the coffee-producing state of Sao Paulo. The Italians requested also that arbitral tribunals be set up to decide controversies between workers and their employers.

Objection is made by Brazilians on the ground that obligatory teaching of Italian would increase the difficulty of assimilating the immigrants to the national life of the country, giving rise to the same complaints formulated against the teaching of German in the large German settlements in Santa Catharina state. This state had become so Germanized that, after Brazil entered the war, fighting of Portuguese and other national subjects was made obligatory in all schools throughout the union.

The strength of any government is the people behind it. To improve the quality of the citizens, to make them braver, more industrious, and better disciplined should be the government's first aim.

This is more important even than to raise up vast armies and build navies, for the best defense of a nation is the character of its people.

One of the good results of the war, among many distressful, was that the Liberty bond and war stamp campaigns raised up a horde of some 20,000,000 investors in the United States.

The government is continuing this good work in the name of peace. On the first of next January the government will place on sale a \$1 savings stamp and a \$25 savings certificate.

This will be in addition to the present denominations. The government is also actively urging its people, even the poorest, to save and to invest in these securities.

The fundamental principle of sound investment should never be lost sight of. It is that the less one has to invest the more he should look for safety, rather than high interest.

In amounts less than \$1,000 at least there is no security in the world as good as that of the government.

The reason is simple. If the government does not pay its debts no one else will pay his debts.

The United States of America, the richest and most prosperous nation on the globe, offers to borrow of its citizens their money, in any sum, from 25 cents up, and on amounts of \$5 and over to pay four per cent interest compounded quarterly.

Here is the greatest possible inducement to have a security as absolutely safe as it is possible in this world, good interest, and your money back practically when you want it.

Every school teacher in the country ought to be an earnest agent of the government, urging the children to save. The government has provided booklets for this purpose and will cooperate with the teachers.

Every business concern should bring this matter to the attention of the workers. Nothing makes for better work, more efficient production, a better spirit, and less envy, dissatisfaction and unrest, so much as the worker's knowledge that he has a little sum saved up which is growing bigger every week.

Thrift is the bedrock of national prosperity. Thrift is that insures the permanence of our institutions and regions for law and a man's right to what he has earned.

Bolshevism and anarchy and red revolution cannot grow in a soil of thrift. The habit of thrift is better for a child, in terms of contentment and security, than any gifts or graces.

And the government needs money; what better creditor is there from whom to borrow it than its own people.

We need patriotism now as much as we did in war, and what patriotism could be more intelligent and helpful than for each of us, so it lies in his power, to assist the government in making its thrift campaign a thumping success?

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SPANISH ROYALTY GOT MUCH ATTENTION

On the Occasion of Their Recent Two Weeks' Visit to London—Their Purchases While in London Were Enormous.

London, Dec. 28.—King Alfonso of Spain and his queen, formerly princess Ena of Battenberg, England, were the objects of much attention and popular favor during their two weeks' stay in London, just ended.

Alfonso's beaming smile became as famous as his big blue car, and his consort's magnificent gowns and furs were the envy of crowds of women who daily besieged the hotel on Piccadilly, where the royal couple stayed.

Their second son, Prince Jaime, is remaining in England for a time to continue a treatment for his ear trouble which is understood to be well on the way to a permanent cure.

Besides being very largely entertained by their cousins of England, the Spanish royalties attended a great many private society functions, which both appeared to enjoy. Alfonso took care to take a few private dancing lessons to keep up with the latest steps.

His purchases made here are said to be enormous. Alfonso bought two automobiles and the queen four hunters, besides a great quantity of toys and miscellaneous articles for the royal nursery in Madrid.

The Spanish king is very anxious to bring the English polo teams that will meet American next summer to Madrid for practice this winter. It may be recalled that Lord Wimborne's team spent some time in Spain before going to America in 1914 for the cup matches.

He is also intent upon developing many beautiful spots on the Spanish coast as pleasure resorts. "I don't see why the Riviera should not be out-rivalled," he is reported to have said.

One of the incidents told here of the royal couple is that the queen recently asked her husband if he thought the fashionable evening gowns designed for youthful silhouettes were in keeping with her age and her dignity as mother of six children.

"I think," said Alfonso, "that the matter is worthy of reflection." A few days later a large case was delivered, addressed to the queen. It contained half a dozen gowns straight from Paris, all cut in the manner that had aroused her hesitation.

Real Humor. When a poor colporteur, headachy and desperate for an idea to help fill up his cap, picks up the following honest-to-goodness, better-than-anything-he-could-invent bit of humor: "She told the judge that she married him so that she could take advantage of his bathtub—'Oh, boy! Ain't it a grand and glorious feelin'!"—Boston Transcript.

Aye, Aye! The woman who told the optician's clerk she wanted a pair of their "bi-vocal lenses" probably had speaking eyes.—Boston Transcript.

Extenuating. He—Your cousin married a divorced woman, didn't he? She—Yes, but she had only been divorced a few days.—Boston Transcript.

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Topics of the Home and Household.

Save your bacon fat. Even a tea-spoonful is useful.

Do not use kerosene for polishing furniture. It cuts the dirt, but it leaves moisture and forms a gum that will spoil the surface.

When making lemon pie, if you have trouble with your custard, thickening properly, add the lemon juice the very last thing.

Four rice potatoes go further than six plain boiled ones. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and put in the oven and brown slightly.

Food Value of Baked Beans. No pantry is complete without its stock of pork and beans. As a meat substitute, there has been a tremendous consumption of this nutritious food.

Beans are extensively grown in nearly all sections of our country, and are canned in convenient quantities, ready to serve, as an inexpensive, hearty and tasty dish. The ever-ready housewife always keeps one or two cans on her emergency shelf.

When compared with other protein foods, we find beans contain enough protein to make them an occasional substitute for either meat, cheese or fish; that is, they may well be used as the main dish for dinner once a week or more. In planning outdoor meals we seldom omit beans as one of the hearty dishes, because they combine so well with the sandwiches, salads and cold drinks or coffee.

No more welcome dish appears on the table during the winter months, as well as the summer, than the hot dish of pork and beans, so we find it indispensable at all times. Heat either in the can or after opening. Serve in place of meat, fish or eggs for a hearty meal.

The Introduction of Rice. Perhaps no food was ever introduced in any land under more romantic conditions than those that surrounded the first rice to find its way into the soil of the North American continent.

It was an ill-wind that blew rice to the shores of the Carolinas in 1694. An ill-wind that made its way to the crew of a Liverpool-bound vessel, sailing from Madagascar, but a wind fraught with fortune for the South and the nation that has risen since that blustery afternoon.

Blown from its course and stripped almost to bare masts by the buffet of gale, the ship made its way to the shores of the Carolinas, where the Crown colonies of the Carolinas and put in at Charleston for repairs.

There was only a tiny colony of people there at that time, but everything possible was done to put the moored seamen and their ship in shape for resumption of their voyage. Their gratitude was great. Their means for expressing it were very limited.

The captain had aboard a store of rice. There was scant enough supply to serve his purpose in transporting it to England. But, as testimonial of their appreciation for the colonists' service, he left a small quantity with the governor, explained its culture under water and set sail again towards the east.

From this seed, the American rice industry had its inception. The Carolinians soon raised enough to supply their own needs and colonists from Georgia secured seeds and began to plant for their own consumption.

Travel in those days was not as easy nor as rapid as it is to-day. It was some time later that Louisiana planters were in Carolina where they first laid eyes on rice and first ate of its delicious grains.

When its culture was explained to them, they were elated. They saw in rice their natural crop. The bayous, lakes and streams of southern Louisiana, about New Orleans to the west, would furnish more water for rice cultivation than they ever dreamed they would need, and they immediately returned with seed to initiate what has become the leading agricultural effort of that section.

Little did they realize that the day would come when the lands available for irrigation by river, bayou and lake waters would be exhausted and that rice planters must dig deep into the ground to establish a system of wells from which to pour tons of water for rice land irrigation through miles of ditches and canals.

Dorothy Dexter.

That Home Brew



Elbowing the Great.

A certain House employe, who makes very little money, has just returned from a buzz around the Florida health resorts. Other employes, at a loss to understand why he should spend his money in such riotous living, asked him to explain.

"Well," he said, "I like the association of big men."

"What do you mean association?" Bill Kenney, one of the doorknockers, asked.

"Well," he replied, "one day Boies Penrose's automobile almost ran over me, and another day, when I was in swimming, I kicked Mayor Hyman on the ankle."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Canker in the Rose.

"What reason have you got for grouching? Didn't you get \$100 for allowing your picture to be put in the paper as having been cured by Pudge's pills?"

"Yes I did, but hang it, my relatives are all asking me why I don't go to work now that I'm cured."—Boston Transcript.

Blooded Stock

If you were buying a horse and he was just a horse you would have to take for granted the things the owner said, and then wait for experience to show if he had spoken the truth.

But if you bought a horse of blooded stock that had a pedigree, you would not have to take the man's word for it. The pedigree would show his ancestry and race and give you an idea of the animal's capacity for speed and endurance.

It's the same in buying advertising space. Some publications sell "just a horse" and you have to take their circulation statement with a pinch of salt.

The Barre Daily Times is blooded stock. An A. B. C. statement is the pedigree that tells you what to expect in the way of speed and endurance.